Vizhinjam Port in Thiruvananthapuram

4620. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project of the Government of Kerala for the development of Vizhinjam port in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala State is pendign for sanction;

(b) whether Government have already undertaken or propose to undertake any project to develop Vizhinjam port; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R BAALU) (a) to (c) The responsibility for the development of ports other than major ports lies with the State Government concerned which also have administrative control over such ports under the provisions of Indian Ports Act, 1908. The responsibility for the development of Vizhinjam port, which is not a major port, lies with the Government of Kerala. Therefore the Central Government has not undertaken or propose to undertake any project to develop Vizhinjam port nor any sanction is pending with the Department of Shipping.

Amount spent on Golden Quadrilateral

4621 SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the works under Golden Quadrilateral Schemes of construction of highways;

(b) the amount of money spent up to 31st March, 2005 and the sources of money; and

(c) in what way this quadrilateral would cover the major cities of the North - Eastern States including Agartala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The Status of the Golden Quadrilateral component of the National Highways Development Project as on 31.03.2005 is as under:

Total length	5,846 km
Completed	4,697 km
Under Implementation	1,149 km